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FOR NEA/EGY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SCUL, EG, US  
SUBJECT: TUTANKHAMUN U.S. TOUR

REF: STATE 52712

1. AM SURPRISED THAT ABDEL MEGUID SHOULD HAVE SUGGESTED TO MONTEBELLO THAT, UNLESS USG FINDS WAYS TO BE MORE HELPFUL TO EGYPT IN MIDDLE EAST (WHATEVER THAT MAY MEAN), GOE MIGHT WITHDRAW TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBIT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. DESPITE CONTINUING GOE BELIEF THAT WE ARE NOT DOING ENOUGH TO "PRESS" ISRAEL ON PEACE ISSUES ON WHICH WE AGREE WITH GOE, I HAVE HEARD NO SUCH SUGGESTION HERE FROM RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. WERE GOE TO DO SO, IT SEEMS TO ME IT WOULD BE CUTTING OFF ITS NOSE TO SPITE ITS FACE. AS I SEE IT FROM HERE, APART FROM SADAT'S SEVERAL VISITS TO THE U.S., NOTHING HAS DONE AS MUCH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THE NAME OF EGYPT THAN HAS THE TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBIT.

2. NEVERTHELESS, I FIND IT INTERESTING AND SLIGHTLY DISTURBING TO HEAR OF ABDEL MEGUID'S ALLEGED COMMENT. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF USUN  
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WITH SUGGESTION THAT SENIOR USUN OFFICER TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO ENGAGE ABDEL MEGUID IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SUCCESS OF TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBIT AND SEE WHAT EGYPTIAN PERMREP SAYS ON THE SUBJECT TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL.  
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